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Dear Department of Justice:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on the Microsoft Antitrust case. It is my opinion that the deal does not punish Microsoft. How does this discourage Microsoft from changing its monopolistic practices? Don't drug dealers give away their product to hook new users? Microsoft should be punished, not given the opportunity to promote its product and continue its monopolistic practices.

This deal does nothing for the people that have purchased their products. What about the people who have had Microsoft products forced on them? Microsoft's license agreements with computer manufacturers have forced people to buy Microsoft products regardless if they have wanted them or not. Call any major computer manufacture and ask them if they will sell you a computer without a Microsoft operating system. They will tell you "no." When I go to the store and buy a box of pasta, no one forces me to buy a particular brand of sauce. Why should I be forced to buy a computer with Microsoft products on them if I don't want them?

Microsoft talks about innovation. How can there be innovation without competition? The goal of this settlement should be to give Microsoft competition. Level the playing field by stopping Microsoft's monopolistic practices. Let competition be the breeder of innovation, not Microsoft.

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